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1. There have been unconfirmed rumors in Canton that WU Te-chen (Wu T'ieh-ch'eng 吳鐵城), Secretary General of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, will soon come back to Kwangtung as Governor, replacing Governor LO Cho-ying. WU was Governor of Kwangtung in 1937-1938, relinquishing this post to General LI Han-hun (李漢魂) on 1 January 1939.

2. Circles close to Governor LO are of the opinion that WU would be the only contender for the post.

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paper

Major General LI Han-ch'ung (李漢冲), Chief of Staff to CHANG Fa-kuei, stated in his paper, the Natural Advance Daily, on 28 December 1946 that reshuffle of Kwangtung Provincial Government personnel was not likely.

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4. With the recent return to Canton from Nanking of Governor LO Cho-ying, there has been no indication that he would be replaced by WU Te-chen. WU's followers are now saying that he is aspiring to be Mayor of Shanghai, a post he held from 1932-1937. This position would be more remunerative, and WU is believed to be able to control the city's racketeers and gangsters.
5. Another person rumored to be an aspirant for the governorship is LIANG Han-tsao (梁寒操), now Deputy Secretary General of the National Supreme Defense Council. It is said that LIANG wants the Canton post badly, and that he is already seeking a large house in Canton for his family. LIANG is an outstanding member of the "new generation" faction of the Kuomintang. In his earlier post as Minister of Information, he did not succeed, because he chiefly lectured the correspondents about the Three Principles, hoping to please CHIANG Kai-shek. He is slightly anti-American perhaps because he was unable to land at San Francisco some 20 years ago on account of an irregularity in his passport.

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